

F&S (Fun and Serious)

†††JMJ††† **Dust the cobwebs out of your gray matter and solve this brainteaser if you can** †††JMJ†††

In a deck of ordinary playing cards, two of the Jacks are one-eyed; the other Jacks have two eyes. What is the total number of eyes on the four Jack cards? [The answer will be provided in a later F&S production.] Answer for question in F&S=1-1: *indivisibility*.

†††JMJ††† **Scriptural quiz** †††JMJ†††

True or false? Noah's Ark was known as the Ark of the Covenant. [The answer will be provided in a later F&S production.] Answer for question in F&S=1-1: *Genesis and the Gospel according to St. John* "In the beginning..."

†††JMJ††† **Liturgy quiz** †††JMJ†††

How many Sundays after Epiphany are movable feasts? [The answer will be provided in a later F&S production.] Answer for question in F&S=1-1: *The Immaculate Conception* – remember that the new Church year begins with the first Sunday of Advent. NOTE: you may receive a Catholic calendar and some information concerning the rubrics by requesting it from Patrick Henry; JMJ@JMJsites.com

†††JMJ††† **Humor for today** †††JMJ†††

I called a friend and asked what he was doing. He replied that he was working on "aqua-thermal treatment of ceramics, aluminum, and steel under a constrained environment." I was impressed... Upon further inquiring, I learned that he was washing dishes with hot water under his wife's supervision.

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Hard work is the yeast that raises the dough.

†††JMJ††† **Short meditation for today** †††JMJ†††

One of the greatest reasons for which Jesus Christ came upon earth and gave Himself to us was that, man knowing to what excess God has loved him, his heart would burn with ardent love for Him Who loved him first with such excessive love. – *Saint Augustine*.

St. Francis of Paula, deeply touched in pondering on the infinite love God has shown us, exclaimed; "O God, O charity! O God, O charity! How excessive is the charity Thou hast manifested to us! Grant that Thy love may enkindle love in our hearts, that they may be consumed with love for Thee." Let us be penetrated with these sentiments.

A servant of God, addressing himself to Divine Love, said: "Divine Love, be my *mother*; do for me as a tender mother would for her children. Be my *guide*; conduct me, accompany me wherever I may go. Be my *master*; instruct me in the art of loving God, with a love tender, pure, generous, constant, and penitent. Be my *life*; be the soul of my soul. Let it be Thou that thinkest, speaketh, and acteth in me. Let my heart burn with so ardent a love that it enkindle the fire of Thy divine love in all hearts."

Prayer

O my God! I ask pardon for the many who live but to gratify their passions. Alas! Have I not often taken mine for a guide? Let me live only for Thee and for Thy love.

†††JMJ††† **Today's reflection from the *Imitation of Christ*** †††JMJ†††

Desire to be familiar only with God and His angels and fly the acquaintance of men.

†††JMJ††† **A Scripture quote for today** †††JMJ†††

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Juda in the days of King Herod, behold there came wise men from the East to Jerusalem, saying: Where is He that is born King of the Jews?

†††JMJ††† **This is Serious** †††JMJ†††

Man shall go into the house of his eternity. – Ecclesiasticus 12/5

He who builds a house for himself takes great pains to make it commodious, airy, and handsome, and says: "I labor and give myself a great deal of trouble about this house, because I shall have to live in it all my life." And yet how little is the *House of Eternity* thought of!

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You are invited and encouraged to share this information with others. Thank you for visiting <http://www.JMJsite.com>; and please tell others about this website. I pray that you will live in such a way that the Good God will always constantly Bless you while He keeps you from all sin. May Jesus, Mary, and Saint Joseph obtain for you every grace you need.

My prayer for everyone; and especially for those on my email list: “May the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and St. Joseph grant you and yours all of the Joys, Graces, and Blessings necessary to live and die in the state of Sanctifying grace in perfect Uniformity with God’s Most Holy Will. May you know the truth and live and die in the True Church having obtained that degree of holiness it is God’s Will you obtain.”

I will pray an extra 15-decade Rosary every Sunday and Holyday throughout the year for those who are on my email list.

Thank you for all of your prayers, penances, and sacrifices for me.

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